

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5th. APRIL AT

7.30 P.M.

PRESENT * Mr. Mason (Chairman) Messrs. Black, Hamilton, Long, Lugg, Lyons, Macintosh, Rundle, Schultz, together with Mr. Maybury, Secretary.

APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Messrs. Kettle and McMaster.

MINUTES - The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

MEMBERSHIP - An application was received from the Artificial Breeding Association of Victoria for membership. It was decided to accept this application for membership and the representatives of the Artificial Breeding Association Messrs. Black and Hamilton were welcomed to the meeting.

Advice was received from the Co-operative Dairy Factories Association of Victoria that they were not interested in joining at this time.

ACCOUNTS - It was resolved to pass the following Accounts for payment:-

SECURITY MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVE	Stationery	\$10. 85
BANK CHARGES		2.50
SECURITY MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVE	Rent to 31/3/71	84.00
	Postage	12.00

CO-OPERATIVE DIGEST - The Sub-Committee reported that it is at present preparing the articles required for the first issue of this paper.

CO-OPERATIVE NEWSPAPER

It was reported that the Australian Federation of Credit Union Leagues was not interested in pursuing the question of a National paper at this time and it was agreed that further investigation should take place before any decision was made on this matter.

I.C.A. MEETING -

Advice was received that the Premier of Victoria would not be able to open the I.C.A. Meeting and it was agreed that the Governor be invited to do this for us. It was agreed to advise the Co-operative Federation of Australia that the Victorian Federation would be able to supply a guide for the tour from Melbourne to Leeton and that a reception would be possible on a limited basis.

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA - ANNUAL MEETING -

Advice was received that the Annual Meeting of the Co-operative Federation would be held in Melbourne on the week commencing 14th. September, 1971. It was agreed to write asking whether any assistance was required from this body for the conduct of this meeting.

INDONESIAN TRAINEE -

A letter was received from the Community Aid Abroad advising that the proposed training scheme for a student was delayed due to his failure to pass the required English test. It was agreed that we should keep in touch with Community Aid Abroad for the purpose of determining whether this scheme was practical for 1972.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- Several items of correspondence were received from the Co-operative Federation of Australia and it was resolved that this correspondence be received.

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Long reported on the latest meeting of the Advisory Council which is continuing to investigate amendments to the Co-operation Act.

STAFF NEEDS

- The Secretary reported that an adequate survey of staff needs was impossible until several items concerning future activities were finalised. It was agreed that for the present the Secretary should make use of whatever assistance he can obtain, and that a further report be considered at a later date.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- It was reported that a meeting is to be held shortly between representatives of the Co-operative Trading Association and the Credit Union Association to discuss the best method of Consumer Protection available through Co-operative Enterprise.

LIAISON BETWEEN CO-OPERATIVES

- Mr. Lugg gave a report on the activities of the Phosphate Co-operative and it was agreed to continue the practice of hearing a report on the activities of various types of Co-operatives at each meeting.

TAXATION ON CO-OPERATIVES

- An enquiry had been received from the Robinvale Co-operative concerning taxation on the repayment of Government loans. It was decided to enquire from the Co-operative Federation of Australia before replying to the Robinvale Co-operative.

ORDER OF MEETINGS

- It was resolved that in future meetings commence at 7.30 and be limited to 2 hours unless an extension of 15 minutes be granted by a majority of those present.

NEXT MEETING

- It was resolved that the following matters be placed on the agenda for the next meeting:-
Production of Slides and Taped Commentary (In the hands of B. Macintosh)
Statement of Policy (In the hands of Committee led by M. Kettle)
Results of Co-operative Development Seminars (In the hands of the Co-operative Development Society.
Research and Development (The Council to determine the areas to be dealt with in this object)

CLOSE

- The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

John Macintosh
Chairman

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